

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for installing and removing a nut comprising:
an annular collar sized to extend about an outer surface of a nut and having an
inner edge with a plurality of cutouts adapted for engaging the outer surface
of the nut; and
a handle pivotally attached to said collar; and
a pair of pivot pins pivotally connecting said handle to said collar, each said pivot
pin having a radially extending flange formed thereon for engaging said
handle and said collar to prevent movement along an axis of rotation.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said handle pivots on an axis of rotation extending along a diameter of said collar.
5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said collar is formed from two flat rings attached together.
6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said handle includes a pair of grips attached to a shaft portion.
7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said grips are attached to said shaft portion by a pair of fasteners.
8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said pair of fasteners is a pair of pegs.

9. (Original) An apparatus for installing and removing a sink strainer nut comprising:

a collar having an aperture sized to extend about a sink strainer nut and having a plurality of cutouts at an inner edge defining a plurality of engaging surfaces for engaging respective lugs on the sink strainer nut, said collar having a pair of substantially tubular seats;

a handle having a pair of free ends; and

a pair of pivot pins received in said tubular seats and in free ends, said pivot pins pivotally attaching said collar to said handle.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said collar is formed of a pair of opposed planar ring portions.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said handle is formed of a pair of generally S-shaped members.

12. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said handle includes an integrally formed leg portion and shaft portion.

13. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein each said pivot pin has a radially extending flange formed thereon to prevent movement along an axis of rotation.

14. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said collar is annular and said handle pivots on an axis of rotation extending along a diameter of said collar.

15. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said collar is formed from a flat ring.

16. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said handle includes a pair of grips attached to a shaft portion.

17. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said grips are attached to said shaft portion by a pair of fasteners.

18. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said pair of fasteners is a pair of pegs.